

erasing means for erasing information written in the partition area when the information exists; and

means for writing information in an information recording area after the erased partition area.

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7. The system according to claim 1 wherein the retrieving means includes control means for retrieving an address of a subsequent partition area when information does not exist in the preceding partition area.

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8. The system according to claim 1 wherein the information in the partition area is a partition data.

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9. The system according to claim 1 wherein the information in the partition area is a blank portion.

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10. The system according to claim 1 wherein the writable optical disc is an optical disc on which information can be written only once, and the erasing means is provided for erasing the information in the partition area by writing a predetermined data on the information.

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11. A system for recording information on a writable optical disc having an information recording area, a partition area for indicating a data writing finish position, and a management area for writing an address of the partition area, the system comprising:

retrieving means for retrieving an address of the partition area, said retrieving means including control means for retrieving an address of a subsequent partition area when partition information does not exist in the partition area;

determining means connected to said retrieving means for determining whether partition information exists in the partition area corresponding to the address retrieved by said retrieving means;

erasing means connected to said determining means for erasing the partition information written in the partition area when the partition information exists; and

means for writing other information in an information recording area after the erased partition area, wherein said means for writing other information is connected to said erasing means. --.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 11, 1997 and submits the amendments above and the remarks to follow as a full and complete response thereto. Currently Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. In this response, applicant cancels Claims 1-5 and replaces them with new Claims 6-11. No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that Claims 6-11, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the applicant's invention. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled without prejudice, and replaced with new Claims 6-11. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the applicant's invention as required under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ito et al